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H.R. No. 361

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter of a century, the Greater
2 Houston Partnership and its regional allies have worked diligently
3 in behalf of the city's business community; and

4 WHEREAS, Serving the counties of Austin, Brazoria, Chambers,
5 Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto,
6 Walker, and Waller, Greater Houston Partnership members represent
7 more than 1,200 companies and organizations, approximately
8 one-fifth of the region's workforce; and

9 WHEREAS, Thanks in part to the GHP's efforts, Houston has
10 been recognized as the best city for manufacturing jobs by *Forbes*
11 magazine, the foremost U.S. city for number of industrial jobs by
12 *Manufacturers' News*, the top destination city in each of five
13 consecutive years by U-Haul International, and the best city for
14 young entrepreneurs and best city for young couples by
15 CreditDonkey; moreover, the Houston metropolitan area was ranked
16 first in the nation for the total value of exported goods in 2015 by
17 the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, Under the exemplary leadership of the partnership's
19 president and CEO, Bob Harvey, and its chair, Jeff Shellebarger,
20 the Greater Houston Partnership serves as a meeting place for
21 community-minded businesspeople who want to be involved in the
22 metro area's positive growth; and

23 WHEREAS, By addressing the region's unique challenges and
24 opportunities and championing prosperity for all, the GHP is

1 working to make Greater Houston one of the world's best places to
2 live, work, and build a business; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2017, as Greater Houston
5 Day at the State Capitol and commend the Greater Houston
6 Partnership and its regional allies on their outstanding
7 contributions to the community; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Greater Houston Partnership as an expression of
10 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.